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1. During February and March the following Bulgarian troop movements were noted:

- Headquarters of an unnamed cavalry regiment moved from Yambol to Dobrich.
- The 6 Infantry Division moved from Vratsa to Kula.
- Recent troop concentrations reported at Vidin are 35 Infantry Regiment from Vratsa and units from the Plovdiv region. The 35 Division was formed at Vidin.

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- Reportedly 18 Infantry Regiment will soon move to the Turkish border.
- The motorized artillery battalion at Lom has been attached to 6 Division.
- On 7 March a long tank column left Plovdiv in the direction of Svilengrad.
- A bridge construction regiment is at Nikopol. The commander of this regiment is Lieutenant Colonel Koef.
- The 11 Infantry Division has been formed at Shumen, including 24 Infantry Regiment at Dobrich.
- A division of mixed nationalities are concentrated in the Vratsa region near the Yugoslav border.
- Bulgarian preparations for mobilization are being made.

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2. Soviet troop activities in Bulgaria are as follows:

- Three Soviet ships arrive in Burgas weekly with trucks, tanks, guns, tractors and soldiers in civilian clothes, which are sent in the direction of Sofia. It is also reported that small cases of uranium are

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shipped to the Soviet Union on the return trip of these ships. One of these ships arrived on 15 March in Burgas. Reportedly there is a large Soviet submarine at Varna.

- b. At the end of December 1949 a Soviet motorized unit went from Ruso to Razgrad and then to Shumen.
- c. During April Soviet troops and ammunition were still arriving at Varna.
- d. Shipments of war materiel from the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia are being made to Semovit via the Danube and then by train to Sofia. Three ships arrive weekly.

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